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December 22, 2004

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Re: Docket No. 2004-281-S - Petition of Carolina Water Service, Inc. requesting approval of an agreement with the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments for bulk service collection from the King's Grant and the Teal on the Ashley sewage collection facilities or alternatively to upgrade the sewage collection facilities

Dear Mr. Lewis:

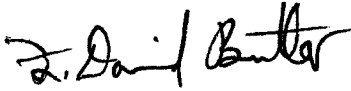
On or about October 4, 2004, you submitted an unsigned agreement between Carolina Water Service, Inc. and the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments for bulk service collection from the King's Grant and the Teal on the Ashley sewage collection facilities for Public Service Commission approval. As part of the Petition, you indicated that on August 30, 2004, Dorchester County submitted a draft Connection Agreement to CWS and CWS proposed certain modifications to that Agreement. Apparently, CWS received no further response to its modifications. You then submitted the unsigned agreement for approval pursuant to the request of the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC).

After a review of the Application, it appears to me that the approach of submitting the unsigned contract to the Commission for approval presents at least one difficulty. Since the agreement is unsigned, there is really no contract for the Commission to approve. The original Petition was accepted with the thought that the signed contract would eventually be furnished for the approval of the Commission. Since the contract is presently unsigned, accordingly, I would request that you either furnish a signed contract for Commission approval or withdraw the Petition requesting approval until you can furnish a signed contract.

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Thank you for your help and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. David Butler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

F. David Butler
General Counsel

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